

## Message Text

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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: LAKEWOOD PIPE OF TEXAS

REF: (A) USDOC 4715, (B) USDOC 5865, (C) BAGHDAD 674

1. CENTRAL BANK OFFICIAL, ACKNOWLEDGING THE LETTER OF CREDIT INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WAS ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL BANK, REFUSED TO CLARIFY WHAT DATE IS CUT-OFF TIME FOR SHIPMENT OF PIPE IN LAKEWOOD'S CONTRACT WITH IRAQI GROUNDWATER ADMINISTRATION. OFFICIAL SAID BANK MUST, OF COURSE, SUPPORT ITS CLIENT IN A TRADE DISPUTE AND REFERRED USINT OFFICER ONCE AGAIN TO GROUNDWATER ADMINISTRATION.

2. IN LATEST VISIT TO GROUNDWATER ADMINISTRATION MARCH 27 BY USINT OFFICER, OFFICIAL QUOTED FROM MID-MARCH LETTER TO LAKEWOOD SAYING THAT THE CASE IS CLOSED AND NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. THOUGH ADMINISTRATION IS UNWILLING TO INVITE LAKEWOOD LEGAL COUNSEL TAYLOR TO BAGHDAD, OFFICIAL DID SUGGEST LAKEWOOD MIGHT BID ON OTHER CONTRACTS.

3. COMMENT. THERE IS MUCH MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE-- MOST LIKELY INTERNECINE BUREAUCRATIC POLITICS. IN REGARD TO NEXT STEPS, USINT DOUBTS THAT FURTHER USG REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AND NOTES THAT IRAQI  
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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REPORTEDLY HAVE IN SIMILAR CASES SETTLED TRADE DISPUTES BY INCLUDING COMPENSATION IN A NEW CONTRACT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OFFICIAL'S MENTION OF "NEW CONTRACTS" IS A HINT ALONG THIS LINE. LAKEWOOD MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT.  
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